

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

Coalisland Learn & Leisure Association

Purposes

The Association was established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Coalisland and its environs (hereinafter described as 'the area of benefit') without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion by associating with the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for the protection of health and for recreation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Public Benefits

Under our Purposes: Coalisland Learn and Leisure Association provides a variety of sewing and craft classes to women from Coalisland and the surrounding area. They provide three classes a week currently, ranging from crochet and dress making to patch work and crafts. All classes are supervised by competent and suitably qualified tutors so that participants can improve their individual skills.

The Association also engages a number of speakers each year on topics such as home safety, health and wellbeing, healthy eating and looking after oneself. We also have a public exhibition of the best of our work, which is open to the public each year. The organisation tries to arrange outings / trips each year. The committee meets monthly, holding its AGM in March

Beneficiaries

The Charity's beneficiaries are primarily older people living in and around the Coalisland area of Mid-Ulster District and who have been identified as being rurally isolated and / or socially excluded.

Activities

This year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 we have a very steady membership, we are not back to pre_Covid numbers so we continue to promote our classes in local shops and church notices as well as word of mouth. The Trustees and Committee on the 28th April decided to continue meeting any shortfall in expenses (rent and wages) for the coming year and would review it annually at the beginning of each financial year. We continued with our personal knitting and sewing projects as well as our work for various Charities, including Premature Baby Unit Craigavon , Marie Curie, Christian Aid and local Nursing Homes. We had an excellent Christmas Lunch, cooked by the Hospitality students in South West College, Dungannon. We were all in awe of their skills and hope to attend next year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AT THE END OF THE YEAR 2024

FINANCIAL POSITION AT END OF YEAR: The association continues to operate for the local community.

OUTSTANDING DEBTS OR LIABILITIES: There were no debts or outstanding debts or liabilities.

RESERVES POLICY: A small reserve of money is retained in the group's account to ensure the group can continue to operate.

FUNDS IN MATERIAL DEFICIT & STEPS TAKEN TO MITIGATE: There were no funds in material deficit.

FINANCIAL MITIGATION: The Trustees actioned redundancies in response to programme closures and funding cuts to ensure the organisation's finances were managed prudently and on an ongoing basis.

FUNDS HELD BY THE CHARITY AS A CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE: None – not applicable.

RESTRICTIONS ON WHO CAN BENEFIT

There are no restrictions on who can benefit.

We do not charge any fees.

There are no charges to access any events or services.

There are no restrictions based on personal characteristics.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The direct benefits which flow from our purposes include: improved socialising and networking skills; confidence; improved health and social wellbeing.

PRIVATE BENEFIT

There is no private benefit to any individual

HARM

No harm has flowed from any of our Purposes.

SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTING

There are no serious incidents to report.

VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES

Appropriate Policies, Procedures and Training are in place such as POCVA Safeguarding Policy & Procedures.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission NI's Public Benefit Guidance when exercising powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Signed: John A. McEnery Chairperson of Trustees. Date 23/1/25